

TALC Notes for Reps
December 16, 2019

TAL Members:

Please know that I have heard your frustration and am also unhappy with the lack of follow up by district officials. We will continue to communicate our concerns and in turn, share with you any results from our meetings.

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TAL: Gina, Kym, Bill, Wendy P., Edith

District: Dr. Bowers, Mike D., Rebecca, Bart, Larry, Lexy

1. Discussion about counselors being used as one-on-one aides for disruptive students. Dr. Bowers will follow up.
2. Students at LV are using fingerprint biometrics in lieu of lunch numbers. Larry explained this is a pilot program and if it is successful, it will be rolled out to other sites. Gina expressed concern about privacy; Larry explained it takes the fingerprint image and applies numeric information to it, and that the information is meaningless to anyone but our district.
3. Discussion about statements allegedly made by Lexy at a site; he denied making those statements and will follow up with admin.
4. Discussion about new language at the bottom of teacher evaluations. Mike D. will follow up.
5. Gina brought up the issue of students ditching class, especially at middle schools. She is concerned about the lack of direction and lack of communication to teachers as to what they are supposed to do and how this could impact their credential. Lexy explained that if teachers call the office, send a note to the office, and send an email, they have done their due diligence. He will also follow up with all site admin. Gina recommends teachers send an email so there is a time stamped documentation. She also recommends CCing yourself to your PERSONAL email on every such email.
6. Clarification of testing timeline for speech pathologists; Bart will follow up.
7. Discussion about the SST process; Edith asked about a fillable PDF form that Bart had previously explained would be created. Rebecca said they met with a company to move the SST process to PowerSchool. They will get more information in January 2020 and hope to pilot the new SST system in March. If all goes well, BeyondSST will be eliminated.
8. Further SST discussion: Edith reported a teacher at her site was told the referring teacher is to hold the meeting and take notes; Bart said that the chair should do those tasks. Edith and Bart clarified the SST timeline as well as Tier 2 and Tier 3 intervention expectations.
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9. Kym brought up the issue of kindergarten teachers being told to send home an iReady progress report in lieu of ELA and math grades. She discussed this with Krista, who said it was optional. A district email was sent out asking for feedback but evidently was not forwarded by secretaries to kindergarten teachers. Bart will follow up.
10. Bart reported dashboard information will be coming out soon and he will forward it to the TALC team.